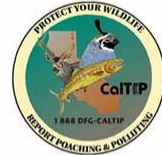


California Department of Fish and Game

Deer Management Program

2011 Deer Zone Information



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General Deer Hunting Information For

ZONE D-10

(No Additional Hunts Scheduled)

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO Zone D-10 HUNTERS:

Following reports that the ingestion of lead projectiles and fragments associated with hunting may be contributing to high lead levels documented in wild condors, the Legislature passed the Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Act into law (Fish and Game Code, Section 3004.5). Effective July 1, 2008, the Fish and Game Commission (FGC) adopted regulations (Sections 353 and 475, Title 14, CCR) which prohibit the use and possession of any lead projectiles/ammunition in firearms while taking, or attempting to take (hunting) any big game mammal (including deer), or non-game bird or mammal in most of the deer A Zone-South Unit 110 and all of deer zones D-7, D-8, D-9, D-10, D-11 and D-13. Only FGC/Department certified projectiles/ammunition may be used or possessed when taking, or attempting to take big game mammals. Simply put, when hunting big game in these areas you may only use certified non-lead projectiles/ammunition in firearms (includes centerfire rifles, pistols and revolvers; shotguns and muzzle-loading rifles) legal for big game. In addition, while hunting big game in these areas hunters may not possess any lead projectiles/ammunition and a firearm capable of firing that lead projectile or ammunition.

For more information including a list of certified non-lead projectiles/ammunition that may be used in firearms for the taking of deer or other big game mammals; a map detailing the non-lead area; and links to other related topics go to the following web address: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/condor/>

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DEER HUNT ZONE

This information sheet has been prepared to assist deer hunters applying for, or planning to hunt in, Zone D-10 located in south-central Kern and north-western Los Angeles counties. The following information should be useful to hunters for archery and general seasons as well as any "additional hunts" within this geographic area. For more specific information or additional questions regarding this area, contact the following Department office(s):

Central Region Office (Region 4), 1234 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710 (559-243-4005 ext. 151) encompassing Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne counties.

REGULATIONS

Laws and regulations are designed to conserve wildlife and to provide for an equitable distribution of game mammals. The hunter who knows the laws and regulations can enjoy the hunting experience more. All hunters should read and be familiar with the current hunting regulations available online at: <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/current/mammalregs.asp>

Successful hunters are reminded to immediately fill out both portions of the tag and permanently mark the date of kill; attach the tag to the antlers, or ear if antlerless; have the tag validated and countersigned; and return the completed report card portion to the Department within 30 days of taking a deer.

Also remember you must obtain, and have in your possession written permission to hunt on private property. Hunter trespass laws are strictly enforced.

OBTAINING DEER TAGS

NEW for 2011 - Automated License Data System (ALDS)

Beginning in late 2010, the Department began implementation of the new Automated License Data System (ALDS). Under this computer data system, all licenses, stamps and tags are applied for, and issued through online Point-of-Sale terminals (IPOS) located at various Department license offices, over 1,400 license agents statewide or online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/>. Under ALDS much less paperwork is required to apply for, and receive tags. In addition, licenses, tags and entry into the Big Game Drawing can all be accomplished with one trip to a license agent. Once your personal information is entered and stored in the database, the database controls and tracks what you have applied for, or been issued, as well as preference points.

Other than the way you apply for and receive licenses and tags, the primary difference you will notice is in the form that the license or tag comes. Instead of the old style license or postcard type deer tag, they will all come out of the IPOS terminal in the form of a long receipt. If successful at harvesting a deer, filling out the tag and report card portion, validation and report card return requirements remain unchanged. For more specific information on ALDS, application procedures and zone/hunt information, check out the 2011 California Big Game Hunting Digest available by May at most Department offices and license agents or online at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/digest/>

For deer tag distribution purposes, zones and hunts are classified based upon the date in which the zone or hunt tag quota is filled in the prior year. The three tag categories include:

- 1) "**Premium**" zone/hunt tags are only issued through the Big Game Drawing using a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application, except that junior hunters may use their Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for Apprentice (J) Hunts. Hunters will lose all accumulated deer preference points if drawn for their first choice in the Big Game Drawing.;
- 2) "**Restricted**" zone/hunt tags are available upon application with a First-Deer Tag, or a Second-Deer Tag after August 1.; and
- 3) "**Un-Restricted**" zone/hunt tags are available at any time using either a First- or Second-Deer Tag.

For Zone D-10 and associated hunts within the zone, the tag categories are as follows:

- 1) **Premium** Deer Hunts – None
- 2) **Restricted** Deer Hunts – None
- 3) **Un-Restricted** Deer Hunts – **D10 and Archery Only (AO)**

The 2011 deer hunting regulations specific to Zone D-10 (archery and general season) and any additional hunts are listed at the end of this sheet. To hunt deer in Zone D-10, hunters must possess a Zone D-10 deer tag which is valid during the archery or general season using the appropriate method of take. Additionally, Archery Only Tags (AO Tags) are valid during the Zone D-10 archery or general season using archery equipment only.

Any additional deer hunts in Zone D-10 are listed in the Additional Deer Hunts section near the end of this sheet. Typically, tags for additional deer hunts are in high demand and distributed through the Department's Big Game Drawing held in June. To receive tags for many of these hunts, hunters must plan ahead and apply by the **June 2, 2011 deadline**. Information regarding application procedures and restrictions, ALDS, zone and hunt seasons, prior year drawing and hunt statistics are contained in the 2011 Big Game Hunting Digest available at most Department offices, license agents and online at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/digest/>

LAND OWNERSHIP/PUBLIC LAND OPPORTUNITIES

Zone D-10 consists almost entirely of private land. Remember you must obtain and have in your possession written permission to hunt on private property. Hunter trespass laws are strictly enforced. There are scattered parcels of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, of which most are landlocked by private holdings. While there are numerous small private landholdings, the Tejon Ranch is the primary

private landowner in Zone D-10 and offers limited access fee deer hunting through the Department's Private Lands Management Program (PLM). For information regarding these lands contact the following:

BLM Offices:

Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308 (661-391-6000)

PLM Program:

Tejon Ranch, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, CA 93243 (661-327-8481) or (661-248-6774)

In addition to the Tejon Ranch in Zone D-10, additional deer hunting opportunities may exist on private property licensed through the PLM in other zones throughout California. For more information on the PLM and to obtain a list of participating ranches, go to the following link:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/plm.html>

MAPS

For general maps detailing individual zone or additional deer hunt boundaries, go to the following link:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/zonemapsinfo.html>

The most comprehensive maps of the area are BLM surface management maps. You can purchase these maps at BLM district offices or you can contact the BLM at 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825 (916-978-4400).

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps, are very helpful, especially for topographic features that are not displayed on USFS or BLM maps. USGS maps may also be available from sporting goods, backpacking or engineering stores or you can contact the USGS directly at: Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Branch of Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225 (888-ASK-USGS).

ACCESS/MAJOR ROADS

Most of the land in Zone D-10 is private and access is limited without landowner permission. Major road access within Zone D-10 is from Interstate 5, and State Highways 58 and 138.

WEATHER CONDITIONS/TRAVEL TIPS

The weather in this region is highly variable so BE PREPARED. Early in the season, temperatures are usually mild to hot with cold nights. Rain, snow and possibly fog may occur anytime, but most generally during the latter portion of the season. Hunters should be prepared for this possibility with appropriate clothing and equipment for a variety of weather conditions.

Zone D-10 covers a large geographic area. The terrain can be very steep and rugged and vegetation can be extremely dense. As you should do in all remote areas, hunters are urged to bring a shovel, a good spare tire, extra water, etc. Use care with any off-road vehicle and check with the BLM for rules and regulations regarding vehicle and travel restrictions in the area.

CAMPING

Camping in Zone D-10 is limited due to the high proportion of private land and no public campgrounds exist. Informal camping may be allowed on BLM lands, but campfire permits may be required. Permits may be obtained from BLM or California Department of Forestry (CDF) offices. During fire season, special regulations may apply, and it is always best to contact the local BLM, or CDF office for the latest information.

Please, DO NOT camp or hunt for prolonged periods near water sources important to wildlife and livestock. Remaining for over 30 minutes and within 200 yards of an artificial water source on public lands within California; or any wildlife watering place such as waterholes, springs, seeps and man-made watering devices within the California Desert Conservation Area on BLM land is a Fish and Game violation (Title 14, Section 730). You can pack water, wildlife can't.

HARVEST INFORMATION

Information on deer harvest for this area is available in tables contained in the annual Deer Kill Reports available on-line at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/deerhunt.html> The most useful tables

for the purposes of planning or applying for hunts in this area are Tables 1b (Harvest and Success Information), 2a (Antler Class Information) and 10b (Drawing Statistics).

HERD CONDITIONS AND HABITATS

The deer population in Zone D-10 is considered stable to declining, although populations are still considerably below those seen in the late 1960's and 1970's. As with most deer herds in California and other western states, the long-term population trend has been on a steady decline since the 1960's and 1970's. These long-term declines have been due to land management practices that have precluded fire, resulting in changes toward more mature and less diverse habitats, and reduced quality and quantity of deer habitats. Short-term fluctuations in deer populations are usually attributed to weather events that affect forage production.

The subspecies of deer inhabiting Zone D-10 is the California mule deer. The Tejon Deer Herd is primarily a non-migratory (resident) herd however shifts in elevation may occur during the year in response to weather and vegetation availability.

The vegetation is highly varied throughout Zone D-10 ranging from oak-woodland, mixed chaparral, juniper-pinyon, hardwood, hardwood-conifer and dense conifer to desert habitats. Generally speaking, deer populations in this area respond favorably to vegetation disturbances that enhance brush species (wildfire and timber harvesting). Riparian areas (areas along watercourses), or recently burned areas that have re-sprouted with brush are good areas to hunt. Areas where oaks are producing acorns may also attract deer. Typically, lower densities of deer are observed in the more densely forested areas or in older, more decadent brushlands.

HUNTING TIPS AND WHERE TO LOOK FOR DEER

Successful hunters often spend a considerable amount of time scouting pre-season, locating individual or groups of deer, recently used deer trails, and feeding and bedding areas. You may not see many deer from the roads in this area and generally the more successful hunters do more hiking to locate deer. Binoculars and/or spotting scopes can be very helpful for locating and identifying deer at greater distances. In general, attempt to hunt areas that are away from other activities such as concentrations of hunters, vehicles, and/or livestock.

Start looking in areas which have been burned in the last five to ten years or where the oak acorns are mature and abundant. Although meadows provide good forage for deer, especially does and fawns, bucks should utilize areas with better cover during hunting season: rougher terrain (ridges, etc.), denser vegetation, etc. After heavy snow storms, deer may move toward lower elevation areas. Look in areas with shrubs or preferred browse plants at intermediate elevations.

Historically, the primary areas where deer are harvested in Zone D-10 include scattered private landholdings, small BLM parcels (may be landlocked by private land), the Tejon Ranch and areas near Tehachapi, such as Cummins Mountain. Without private land access and landowner permission, deer hunting in this area is limited.

For additional information about deer hunting in California, see the Department's publication "Guide To Hunting Deer In California" at the following web site:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/docs/deerguide.pdf>

ADDITIONAL DEER HUNTS

In 2011, there are no additional deer hunts scheduled in Zone D-10.

2011 ZONE AND ADDITIONAL HUNT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

§ 360. Deer.

Except as otherwise provided in this Title 14, deer may be taken only as follows:

(a) A, B, C, and D Zone Hunts.

(9) Zone D-10.

(A) Area: In those portions of Kern and Los Angeles counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 99 and 58; southeast along Highway 58 to Highway 14; south along Highway 14 to Highway 138; west along Highway 138 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to Highway 99; north on Highway 99 to the point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season in Zone D-10 shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend for 30 consecutive days.

(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.

(D) Number of Tags: 700.

§ 361. Archery Deer Hunting.

(a) Archery Hunting With General Deer Zone Tags. Deer may be taken during the archery season only with archery equipment specified in Section 354 as follows:

(4) D Zones.

(B) Zones D-6 through D-10.

1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(5)(A) through (9)(A).

2. Season: The archery season in zones D-6 through D-10 shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 days.

3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.

(c) Archery Hunting with Archery Only Tags. Deer may be taken only with archery equipment specified in Section 354, during the archery seasons and general seasons as follows:

(1) Number of Archery Only Tags Permitted. A person may obtain an archery only tag using a one-deer tag application and a second archery only tag using a second deer tag application.

(2) Zones in Which Archery Only Tags are Valid. An archery only tag is valid for hunt G-10, and during the archery season and general season in all zones except C-1 through C-4 and X-1 through X-12.

(3) Areas: As described in subsections 360(a) and (c).

(4) Seasons: The archery season and general seasons are provided in subsection 361(a) above and in subsections 360(a) and (c).

(5) Bag and Possession Limit: All bag and possession limits per zone are the same as those described in subsections 360(a) and (c).

(d) Hunting Area Limitations. Archers not in possession of an archery only tag may hunt only in the zone, zones, or areas for which they have a general tag or an area-specific archery tag. (Refer to subsection 361(c)(2) for zones in which archery only tags are valid).

(e) Crossbow Prohibition. Except as provided in subsection 354(j), crossbows may not be used during any archery season or during the general season when using an archery only tag.

**** GOOD LUCK! ****